

[8th February 1924]

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—"Sir, in regard to settled estates it is usual to consult the proprietors as a matter of courtesy. I don't think they are bound to be consulted whenever a reduction or a change takes place."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Sir, yesterday we asked the Revenue Member whether there are not large areas of villages in North Arcot district where regrouping of villages has deprived them of village officers, headmen, talaiyaris . . ."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—"On a point of order, Sir, this is question time and the hon. Member is making a speech."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member to call for the details of information?"

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—"I would be glad to do so."

*Abolition of the Ramnad district.*

287 Q.—Mr. P. K. S. A. ARUMUGA NADAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the revenue taluks of Sattur and Srivilliputtur of the present Ramnad district are to be amalgamated with the Tinnevely district and the other zamindari taluks of the Ramnad district to be amalgamated with the Madura district, thus abolishing Ramnad district; and

(b) if the answer be in the affirmative, when it will take effect?

A.—No such proposal is at present under the consideration of Government.

Mr. P. K. S. A. ARUMUGA NADAR :—"Sir, will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to state whether there is any prospect of such arrangements as mentioned in clause (a)?"

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—"I cannot say what is going to happen in future, Sir."

*Regrouping of villages.*

288 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) the number of villages resulting from the grouping and amalgamation of villages that has been recently carried out; and

(2) the number of original villages out of which the above 'grouped' villages were created?

A.—The Board of Revenue being the authority under the Village Service Acts, the Government have not the details asked for in their possession.

**Court of Wards and Zamindars.**

*Estates under the Court of Wards.*

289 Q.—Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) how many estates are now under the Court of Wards;

(2) how many of them are encumbered and to what extent at present;